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'MATCH' brings you the
inside stories behind the
big close-season swop
deal involving two of the
country's top clubs . . .

Delighted Eastoe returns home...



Peter Eastoe — "Everything has
worked out just the way I
wanted it to."

STRIKER Peter Eastoe has
revealed that he was
prepared to drop into the
Second Division to get the
financial security of a
long-term contract.

Peter refused a new one-year
deal at Everton earlier this close
season because at 29-years-old,
he felt it was time to consider the
future of his wife and family.

His stand couldn't have
worked out better because,
following a swop deal with Andy
King, Peter now has a four-year
contract with West Brom and the
added bonus of a return to his
native Midlands.

"It's a smashing move for me.
Everything has worked out just
the way I wanted it to," says
Peter.

"It has been a worrying last
few months, and I'm relieved it's
all over. Now I can't wait for the

start of the new season.

"I wanted to sign a long-term
contract with Everton because I
was happy there and didn't want
to leave the club. Unfortunately, I
wasn't offered a deal that suited
me.

"I've reached a stage where
I've got to consider people other
than myself. I've got my own
responsibilities now," says Peter,
who started his League career
just down the road from The
Hawthorns with Wolves.

Disappointed

"Even though I know I can still
play in the top flight, I was
prepared to drop into the Second
Division to get what I wanted.

"Obviously I was disappointed
that myself and manager
Howard Kendall couldn't agree,

but I can see his point.

"The manager is building a
team of youngsters at Goodison.
He doesn't want a lot of his
senior players on long-term
contracts.

"There's no ill-feeling between
me and Everton. I still love the
club and I'll always look for their
result on a Saturday afternoon."

Peter joined Everton from
Queen's Park Rangers in March
1979 and made 94 League
appearances for the club. Last
season he was restricted to just
18 outings because of injury.

"I wasn't able to do myself
justice last term although
whenever I was fully fit, the
manager always played me. I
regarded that as a compliment."

The transfer deal suited both
players perfectly because both
Andy King and Peter are
returning home.

"As soon as I heard the deal

KING OF ENGLAND

— THAT'S ANDY'S AIM



Andy King — "I feel as though I've been given a new lease of life."

ANDY KING, the midfield goalscorer who once claimed he had no love for Everton, is back at Goodison with hopes of reviving his international dreams.

When he stormed out of the club to join Queen's Park Rangers two years ago, Andy told 'Match Weekly': "It wouldn't bother me if they got relegated. My big ambition is to return to the First Division and score a hatful of goals against them."

But now, in an amazing turnabout following two unhappy seasons with Rangers and West Brom, Andy is desperate to redeem himself by recapturing the form that made him an England candidate and one of Merseyside's favourite sons.

Childish

"I was rash and childish when I left Everton two years ago just because I was out of the first team at the time," says the 25-year-old former England Under-21 international.

"I didn't realise what I was leaving behind. I thought I could go and play football anywhere, even in the Fourth Division, but I have since discovered to my cost that there is far more to consider than simply playing football."

"There's the people, the supporters, the club and most important of all, your family to consider. I was kidding myself."

"I have already received stacks of letters from Everton well-wishers. That compares with about four letters in the past two years from other fans."

"I played the best football of my life during my five years with Everton and people were talking in terms of me being selected for England."

"But in the past two years, my career has gone downhill in terms of happiness and international prospects."

"I didn't make myself a laughing stock at Rangers or Albion. I didn't go on the pitch and trip over the ball, but I never really got the chance to stake a regular place at either club."

"Now I'm back with Everton, I want to win things and recover the kind of form that might enable me to fulfil my ambition of playing for England."

"Within two days of joining Everton, I found an extra gear in training. I feel as though I have been given a new lease of life."

Andy, who began his career with Luton, had always kept a ray of hope that one day Everton

would welcome him back.

"While Howard Kendall was in charge, I always felt there was a chance," says Andy, who joined Albion from Rangers for £400,000 last September.

"I know that Howard rated me when he was at the club in a playing capacity, so I was not totally surprised when I learned of the deal from Ronnie Allen."

"I hadn't really fitted into Ronnie Allen's plans but, with a new manager coming in, I was prepared to battle for a regular first team place at the club."

"But I didn't need asking twice about returning to Everton. In fact, I was training with them for two days before the actual deal was finalised."

"I'm only the third player in the club's history to be re-signed, so I feel rather privileged."

"I played only twenty League games for Albion and for a time, I was competing with Clive Whitehead for a midfield place."

"He was cup-tied but no matter how well I appeared to play in the cup matches, I was left out the following week in the League, so I was always playing under pressure."

"But they are a great bunch of lads at Albion and I have nothing against the club."

After figuring in two semi-finals last season, Andy hopes he can go one better with Everton and collect his first major domestic honour.

"At the end of the day, a player's success tends to be judged by the trophies and England caps he has collected," says Andy, who was in the Everton side beaten by Aston Villa in the 1977 League Cup Final.

Desperate

"I want to win things with Everton, and the club is desperate for a major honour."

"There have been a lot of changes in personnel at the club in the past two years with a lot of young players coming through."

"Players like Steve McMahon, Graeme Sharp and Kevin Richardson were all cocky apprentices when I was at Goodison before. Now they are very much a part of the first team."

"If I get into the side, I suppose I will be one of the oldest players at 25!"

"I've no idea how good the current Everton side is, so it's impossible for me to forecast what may lie in store this season. At the moment I'm just delighted to be back at the club."

involved Andy, I knew it would go through. There was no way he'd give up a chance to return to Merseyside.

"Coming back to the Midlands means something special to me. All my family and friends live in the area and it will be great to be near them again," says Peter, who was born in Tamworth.

"My first job at West Brom will be to try and establish myself in the side. There are a lot of class strikers at the club and I know I'm not guaranteed a first team place."

"But I like competition. When I first joined Everton, I had to fight against Bob Latchford, Brian Kidd and George Telfer. I relished the challenge."

"I'm also looking forward to playing alongside big Cyrille Regis. I've just left Graeme Sharp at Everton, who I consider a future Scotland international,

and joined up with an England centre-forward. They are not bad partners to have!"

Peter hopes that the move to West Brom will put an end to his search for honours. He admits: "Time is running out for me to win things."

"As the years go by, the more determined I get to finish the game having won something. I'd love to be able to achieve that with Albion."

"They showed last season that they are capable of challenging for honours by reaching the semi-finals of both the League and FA Cups."

"Their League form suffered after these cup defeats and they narrowly escaped relegation, but I'm sure they'll have learnt from those experiences."

"There are too many good players here for them to struggle again."

Scottish League Cup kicks-off

SCOTTISH League Cup holders Rangers have Premier Division rivals Hibernian in their first round group in this season's competition which begins on August 14.

Airdrie, relegated from the Premier last season, and First Division Clydebank complete the section.

There are nine first round sections with matches being played on August 14, 18, 21, 25, 28, and September 1.

The sections are:

Section one — Arbroath, Alloa, Celtic, Dunfermline.

Section two — Aberdeen, Dundee, Dumbarton, Morton.

Section three — Airdrie, Clydebank, Hibernian, Rangers.

Section four — Dundee Utd, St Johnstone, Raith, Falkirk.

Section five — Forfar, Clyde, Motherwell, Hearts.

Section six — Stirling, Queen of the South, St Mirren, Ayr.

Section seven — East Fife, Brechin, East Stirling, Partick.

Section eight — Kilmarnock, Berwick, Queen's Park, Hamilton.

Section nine — Albion, Stranraer, Cowdenbeath, Montrose, Stenhousemuir, Meadowbank.



FULL-back Graham Wilkins (pictured above), brother of Manchester United and England star Ray, has left Chelsea for Third Division Brentford.

Graham, given a free transfer by the Second Division club, links up with his former Stamford Bridge colleague Ron Harris at Griffin Park.

THIRD Division Lincoln City now have the distinction of having the youngest secretary in the Football League in 21-year-old Philip Hough.

Terry's happy with Tommo

NEW England centre-half Terry Butcher was delighted with the way he and Phil Thompson combined during the World Cup Finals.

Having spent most of his senior career at Ipswich playing alongside Russell Osman, it was a new experience for big Terry.

But he says: "I was delighted with the way Phil and I settled in together."

"When you have played so long with one player, as I have done with Russell, it can be hard to adjust to playing with someone different."

Asked for the biggest difference between the two players, Terry added with a wry smile: "That's easy. Russell always get the beers in after a game — 'Tommo' doesn't!"

CALDERWOOD AIMS HIGH

FOURTH Division Mansfield are expecting big things from 17-year-old Colin Calderwood.

The versatile Scot, who showed his paces in the senior side last season, says: "My greatest ambition is to play in a higher level."

He played for Scottish schoolboys before he was 14 and was on Mansfield's books for eight months before signing professional terms in March.

England out

ENGLAND were knocked out of the World Cup in the Semi-Finals of the 1988 Subbuteo World Cup Finals in Barcelona.

David Lambert, 15, from Lincolnshire, the English Junior Subbuteo Champion, was on good form but he failed to beat the strong opposition from Italy and Gibraltar, the eventual winners.



PLYMOUTH goalkeeper Geoff Crudgington made it an extra special day to remember when he arrived to present Match reader Mark Southcott with a Halfords Team Turbo Bike and all the BMX gear.

The 12-year-old won the purpose-built racer — worth more than £89 — and all the racing gear in a special Halfords Limited competition featured in the June 12 issue of Match Weekly.

Geoff, who was an ever present in the Argyle line-up last season, is pictured with lucky winner Mark.

Jim's son signs on

ANOTHER Greaves is set for League football. Andy Greaves, 16-year-old son of former England star Jimmy, has joined Third Division Southend as an apprentice professional.

The young defender-cum-midfielder links up with older brother Danny who has already made his mark in the League with Southend.

■ **COLIN Harrison**, Walsall's longest-serving player has been released by the Third Division club.

FREE AGAIN!

THE theme for Northern Ireland striker David Stewart should be 'Just one more chance'.

Belfast-born David has been given free transfers by three clubs — Hull and Chelsea, both in 1979, and Scunthorpe last season.

He was the youngest player to appear in Hull's senior team when he made his debut as a 16-year-old and he was only 19 when he played for Northern Ireland against Belgium.

FORMER Arsenal forward Mark Haeley, one of Northampton's most expensive players, has rejoined the Fourth Division club after being given a free transfer.

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Martin Hodge — farmed out on loan by Everton for a second time after being told there is no future of him at Goodison.

LOAN RANGER FIGHTS ON

YOUNG goalkeeper Martin Hodge refuses to give up all hope of regaining his First Division place at Everton — even though he has been farmed out on loan for a second time this year.

After half a season with Preston, Martin has now joined new Oldham manager Joe Royle for three months.

"I have been told that there is no real future for me at Goodison which is a big disappointment as Everton are the team I always supported as a youngster," says Martin, who made 25 First Division appearances before serious injury and illness kept him out for nearly a year.

"The flame of hope is getting a little dimmer, but while I'm still under contract with Everton, I will not give up."

Welsh international Nev Southall and the experienced Jim Arnold are ahead of Martin in the queue at Goodison, but he

hopes to prove a point in the Second Division with Oldham.

"Manager Howard Kendall had to buy two new goalkeepers when I was out injured because I was the only one he had."

"Now it's up to me to prove that I am still capable of doing a job in the First Division."

Martin, a £135,000 buy from Plymouth three years ago, is annoyed at being loaned out for a second time.

"I had a happy time with Preston last season. The team played well and probably made me look better than I was," says Martin.

"But I think the size of the transfer fee proved a stumbling block to a possible permanent move, although I probably wouldn't have signed."

"I did well at Preston, but that will be forgotten if I have a bad time at Oldham."

Match Chat

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

A real knees-up!

WORLD Cup rivals Steve Coppell and John Wark had an unexpected meeting after their return from Spain.

They found themselves in neighbouring beds at a Cambridge clinic after knee operations.

Both men hope to be fit for the start of the season, although Wark missed Ipswich's three-game trip to America.

Roles reversed

ALLAN Clarke and Martin Wilkinson, manager and assistant respectively at Leeds until the end of last season, switched roles recently with Fourth Division Peterborough.

Martin has taken over from Peter Morris at Peterborough, and he invited his former Leeds boss to London Road to help with pre-season training on a temporary basis.

"It was purely a stop-gap measure until I get back into the League as a manager," explains the former Leeds and England striker who has been replaced by former team mate Eddie Gray.

Meanwhile, Martin has strengthened his squad by signing young Leeds full-back Mike Imlach and West Brom midfielder player Ian Benjamin, both on free transfers.

Benjamin, who cost Albion £120,000 from Sheffield United two years ago, is expected to take over in midfield from former skipper Billy Kellock.



Ipswich Town's John Wark — found himself in the next bed to Manchester United's Steve Coppell at a Cambridge clinic.

Gerry's all gold

NORTHERN Ireland striker Gerry Armstrong has been selected as the top British player in the World Cup Finals by leading members of the Football Writers' Association in conjunction with Adidas.

The Watford player will be presented with an Adidas 'Golden Shoe' at a special award ceremony at the Cafe Royal on August 25.

Sale time at Wolves

IAN Greaves, manager of crisis club Wolves, could find his task of securing a quick return to the First Division made doubly difficult by having to sell top players to ease the club's critical financial state.

"I have no power at all now. It's all been taken from me and from the club," says the former Bolton and Oxford boss who took over at Molineux towards the end of last season.

"The official receiver is in charge of everything — from drawing pins to Andy Gray."

LIVERPOOL'S Bob Paisley, the most successful manager in Football League history, says of Bobby Robson's appointment as England manager.

"I'm probably the only manager in the country who is not feeling envious of him."

"At my time of life, I can afford to feel complacent."

But the veteran manager was quick to add: "It might have been different had I been a few years younger!"

Leeds link-up

EDDIE Gray, the new Leeds player-manager, has appointed one of his former Elland Road colleagues as his right hand man.

Jimmy Lumsden, the 34-year-old former Celtic youth coach, has joined the Second Division club where he was once an apprentice professional with Eddie.

PLAYERS who commit professional fouls next season could find themselves sent off as referees prepare to get tougher with 'cynical' offenders.

FORMER Bristol City manager Alan Dicks has opted for the sunshine of Greece.

Alan, who was one of the country's longest serving managers until sacked by City two seasons ago, has been appointed manager of Athens-based club Ethnicos.

FORMER Liverpool and Swansea striker Alan Waddle looks like following Middlesbrough's Billy Ashcroft into Dutch football next season with Sparta Rotterdam.

South-bound

FORMER England youth international David Harle has left Doncaster for Third Division rivals Exeter.

The 19-year-old midfield player was a regular in Billy Bremner's squad until the last two months of the season.

THE MEN IN CHARGE

DIVISION ONE

Arsenal — Terry Neill
Aston Villa — Tony Barton
Birmingham — Ron Saunders
Brighton — Mike Bailey
Coventry — Dave Sexton
Everton — Howard Kendall
Ipswich — Bobby Ferguson
Liverpool — Bob Paisley
Luton — David Pleat
Man. City — John Bond
Man. United — Ron Atkinson
Norwich — Ken Brown
Nott'm Forest — Brian Clough
Notts County — Jimmy Sirrel
Southampton — Lawrie McMenamy
Stoke — Richie Barker
Sunderland — Alan Durban
Swansea — John Toshack
Tottenham — Keith Burkinshaw
Watford — Graham Taylor
West Brom — Ron Wylie
West Ham — John Lyall

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley — Norman Hunter
Blackburn — Bobby Saxton
Bolton — John McGovern
Burnley — Brian Miller
Cambridge — John Docherty
Carlisle — Bob Stokoe
Charlton — Ken Craggs
Chelsea — John Neal
Crystal Palace — Alan Mullery
Derby — John Newman
Fulham — Malcolm Macdonald
Grimsby — Dave Booth
Leeds — Eddie Gray
Leicester — vacant
Middlesbrough — Bobby Murdoch
Newcastle — Arthur Cox
Oldham — Joe Royle
Q.P.R. — Terry Venables
Rotherham — Emlyn Hughes
Sheff. Wed. — Jack Charlton
Shrewsbury — Graham Turner
Wolves — Ian Greaves

DIVISION THREE

Bournemouth — David Webb
Bradford City — Roy McFarland
Brentford — Fred Callaghan
Bristol Rovers — Bobby Gould
Cardiff — Len Ashurst
Chesterfield — Frank Barlow
Doncaster — Billy Bremner
Exeter — Brian Godfrey
Gillingham — Keith Peacock
Huddersfield — Mick Buxton
Lincoln — Colin Murphy
Millwall — Peter Anderson
Newport — Colin Addison
Orient — Ken Knighton
Oxford — Jim Smith
Plymouth — Bobby Moncur
Portsmouth — Bobby Campbell
Preston — Gordon Lee
Reading — Maurice Evans
Sheff. United — Ian Porterfield
Southend — Dave Smith
Walsall — Alan Buckley
Wigan — Larry Lloyd
Wrexham — Bobby Roberts

DIVISION FOUR

Aldershot — Len Walker
Blackpool — Sam Ellis
Bristol City — Terry Cooper
Bury — Jim Hiley
Chester — Cliff Sear
Colchester — Allan Hunter
Crowe — Arfon Griffiths
Darlington — Billy Elliott
Halifax — Mickey Bullock
Hartlepool — Billy Horner
Hereford — Frank Lord
Hull — Colin Appleton
Mansfield — Stuart Boam
Northampton — Clive Walker
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Rochdale — Peter Madden
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Tranmere — Bryan Hamilton
Wimbledon — Dave Bassett
York — Denis Smith

Surprised Joe gets the job

WHO IS THE BOSS? Hot-seat occupants are continually changing as clubs strive for success. This exclusive 'Match Weekly' guide tells you at-a-glance who's in charge where. And we talk to one of the newest recruits to the managerial merry-go-round.

★★

FORMER England striker Joe Royle didn't rate his chances of landing the manager's job at Oldham.

The club were looking for a player-manager and, with Joe forced to retire through injury last season, his prospects looked slim.

"I didn't think I had a great chance when I sent off the application," admits Joe, "and I was very surprised to be invited up north for an interview."

But Joe impressed the Boundary Park directors enough for them to change their minds and make him one of the youngest managers in the Football League at just 33-years-old.

"I had been considering management for a couple of years and had applied for a few jobs before the Oldham opportunity cropped up."

"I saw Oldham twice last season when they played Norwich. I was very impressed. They've got a lot of good young players. The oldest on the staff is only 28."

"Boundary Park is a smashing place and the facilities are good. I'm looking forward to the challenge."

Living in the shadows of Manchester giants United and City, Joe knows that his toughest task will be persuading the fans to come through the

turnstiles at Oldham.

"With two big First Division clubs so close, it's going to be difficult to attract the crowds, but I'm hoping that we can entice a few supporters when their teams are playing away."

Even though Joe has no experience of managing a football club, he's not scared of the challenge ahead of him. "I don't find the task daunting," he says.

"I've told the directors that I'll make mistakes while I'm here. All I can promise is that I'll learn from them."

Joe started his League career at Goodison Park with Everton and moved to Manchester City before having spells with Bristol City and Norwich.

"It's great to be back in the North West closer to my family, although I enjoyed my spells at Ashton Gate and Carrow Road very much."

Joe will team up with a few old friends at Oldham. He played with Kenny Clements, Paul Fitcher and Ged Keegan while he was at Maine Road.

"I'm no stranger at Boundary Park. It's like a Maine Road reunion," he says.

Joe, who was capped six times for England, won't be making any wholesale changes in the Oldham line-up this season. He says: "Everyone will get a chance to prove themselves."

"The talent is here. The lads proved that last season when they were among the front-runners in the Second Division for the first half of the campaign."

One newcomer to the squad is goalkeeper Martin Hodge. He was signed on a month's loan from Joe's old club Everton with a view to a permanent transfer.

"We needed another senior goalkeeper and Martin fitted the bill perfectly. We hope to sign him when his loan spell ends," says Joe.

Left: Joe Royle — surprised he got the job at Oldham.

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NEWLY-promoted Luton pulled off the biggest transfer coup of the close season when they signed striker Paul Walsh, one of football's hottest properties.

Last season, the former Charlton star was reported to have been the subject of a number of impressive bids from some of the top clubs in the First Division.

But it was David Pleat, manager of unfashionable Luton, who stole the march on the 'big guns' and produced the deal which secured the much sought-after signature.

Says Paul, who cost 'The Hatters' £270,000 in cash plus £80,000-rated striker Steve White:

"Obviously I heard a lot of rumours last season about clubs coming in for me, but I never spoke to anyone. There was talk of one side offering much more than Luton eventually paid out.

"But it was the Luton bid which was eventually accepted and I'm delighted to join the club. Their style suits me. If I don't make a success of my career here, then it's got to be my fault.

Classy

"Without being detrimental to Charlton, I didn't feel they played to my strengths last season. I know it will be different at Luton.

"I played against the club a couple of times last term as they stormed to the Second Division Championship. I've always rated them as a classy side and having trained with the players, that view has only been strengthened.

"I believe the Luton players will relish First Division football. I've played against the likes of Ipswich and West Ham and there are lads here who can match their skills.

Paul signed a new contract with Charlton only last season following the appointment of Alan Mullery as manager, but Alan's departure made the 19-year-old rethink his future at The Valley.

He explains: "I had a clause in my contract which said that if Alan left the club, then my future would be reviewed. His departure only strengthened my resolve to leave.

"I got on well with Alan and enjoyed playing for him. He was one of the main reasons why I signed a new contract

'I'VE JOINED A CLASS SIDE' says PAUL WALSH



Left: Paul Walsh — "If I don't make a success of my career with Luton, it's got to be my fault."

at the beginning of last season.

"I was determined to play in the First Division then, but I felt that under Alan Mullery, Charlton might be able to achieve promotion to the top flight.

"When he left, I told the club I wanted to get away as well. At first they weren't keen to sell me and rejected Luton's initial offer.

"Fortunately the club came back with a new, improved deal and both parties managed to come to an agreement."

Last season — his first in the Second Division — Paul finished up as Charlton's leading scorer in the League with 13 goals as he formed a powerful partnership with the experienced Derek Hales.

Excited

And he's confident he can continue to shine in the higher grade.

"I'm not scared about the prospect of playing in the First Division. I'm excited about it and looking forward to the challenge.

"I've got a rough idea of what it's like to play in the top flight and I'm confident I can do a good job for the club."

The youngster burst onto the football scene in the 1980-81 season when he helped 'The Valiants' to promotion from the Third Division.

He made his debut for Charlton as a 17-year-old after four appearances for the England youth team.

He was also a member of the England youth squad which won the European Youth tournament in East Germany in May 1980.



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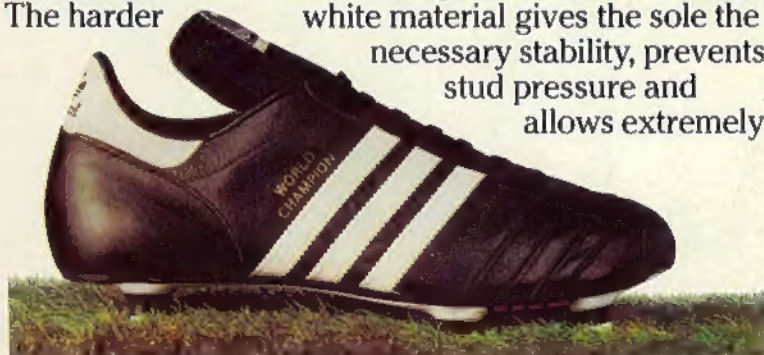
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RICKY VILLA'S sensational replay winner wiped away the despair of a Wembley nightmare.

Just five days earlier in the first match against Manchester City the Argentinian ace looked a lonely figure as he trudged towards the Wembley dressing rooms after being substituted.

RICKY BEATS CATON AND RANSON



RICKY VILLA

But all was forgotten in the 77th minute of the replay when he danced through the Manchester City defence and scored one of the most spectacular Wembley winners ever seen.

Ricky, who hit two goals in Spurs thrilling 3-2 victory, admitted: "I was lucky with the winner. It's very difficult to pass people in the penalty area but a gap opened up and things went right for me."

I tried to go inside Tommy Caton but he closed me down and forced me wide. Then a gap appeared between him and Ray Ranson.

I headed through the gap towards goal and waited until their keeper Joe Corrigan had advanced before I slotted it past him into the net," added Ricky.

"It was a tremendous feeling when the ball hit the back of the net—it made up for the pain of being substituted the game before."



GOING UP!

DEFENDER John Craggs — back with Newcastle for his second spell — describes his last season at Middlesbrough as "the worst of my career."

It should have been one of the best. After 10 years at Ayresome Park, John looked forward to a bumper testimonial season.

Instead, it all turned sour. Middlesbrough struggled all season and were eventually relegated. That was reflected in the testimonial activities and John was given a free transfer after failing to agree personal terms with the hard-up club.

"I went on the transfer list because I couldn't accept what the club were offering. They wanted to pay me substantially less than I was getting."

"I didn't want to leave the club, but I feel the move was forced on me," says the 33-year-old.

"I realise that the club is in a bad financial situation and has to make cut-backs, but I was disappointed with their offer. It was a big blow."

"Last season went from bad to worse for Middlesbrough. They sold their entire midfield — David Armstrong, Craig Johnston and Mark Proctor — and weren't able to replace them."

"It was so sad because a couple of seasons ago Middlesbrough had a lot of good young players and I felt we could achieve something."

"Unfortunately, the club weren't ambitious enough and wouldn't offer the players wages comparable to other clubs," says John.

"In the end, getting a free transfer from the club could turn out to be a blessing in disguise. It's given me a chance to make a clean start."

"The move to Newcastle is ideal for me because I didn't want to leave the area. I like living in the North East."

And John believes that in joining Newcastle, he stands more chance of a quick return to the First

NEWCASTLE'S NEW SIGNING SAYS 'THE POTENTIAL IS HERE ...'

Newcastle's new signing John Craggs — "Last season at Middlesbrough was the worst of my career."



Division. He said:

"There's more promise here than at Ayresome Park."

"Newcastle were unlucky not to go up last season. The potential is definitely here."

John joined Newcastle straight from school, but was transferred to 'Boro' in August 1971 for £60,000. He explains:

"Although I played more than 50 League games for the club I never really established myself in the first team."

"I didn't want to move away from St James' Park but I felt I needed regular first team soccer," says John, who made more than 400 League appearances for Middlesbrough.

"Newcastle is a much bigger club than 'Boro'. The potential support is in a different class. I noticed that when I moved away from the club."

"The Middlesbrough fans aren't as fanatical and they don't get behind their team as much. If things start to go wrong, they quickly jump on the players' backs."

"But I've had some very enjoyable years at Ayresome Park and I was sorry to leave. The highlight for me was when we gained promotion to the First Division under Jack Charlton in 1973-74."

"That was a great year for us because we stormed to the title and won the Second Division with a record number of points."

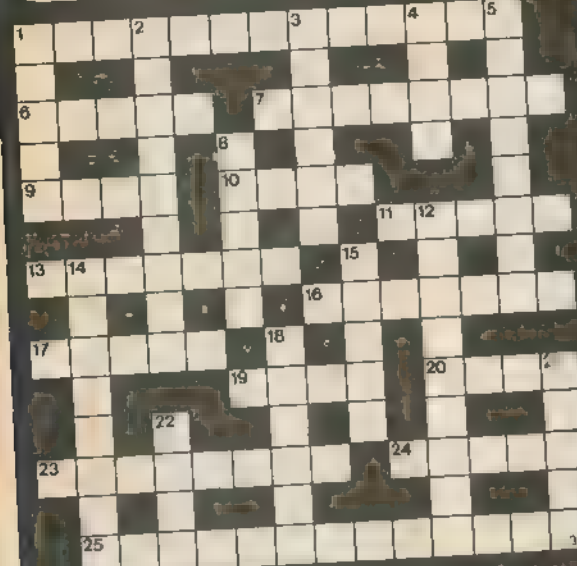
"The next season — our first back in Division One — we finished eighth. I felt that if we had bought a couple of more experienced players, we might have challenged for honours."

John has signed a one-year contract at Newcastle, but he's got no intentions of retiring from the game when that finishes.

"At the moment, I feel fine. I'll carry on playing for as long as I feel I can still do a useful job for someone."

It would be great if I could finish my career in the First Division with Newcastle United.

SOCCERWORD



ACROSS

1. They finished building up last season's First Division table (13)
2. First Division clubs don't play in the FA Cup until the third — (5)
3. He managed both Bristol club and managed Swindon Town (4, 4)
4. Last season, Bradford's keeper Ramsbottom proved to be one of in the country (4)
5. The first name of the man who wore the number 13 shirt for Scotland in Spain (4)
6. This former England cricket captain (recently heard helping out with the television commentary) played soccer for Bradford City and was an England Youth International (5)
7. They finished holding up last season's Third Division table (7)
8. Brighton's Gary comes in first even second
9. Season-ticket holders usually have a reserved seat in the — (5)
10. & 24 across. This ground celebrated promotion from Division last season
11. Striker with 12 down who was Match Weekly's Division One Matchman of the Month in January and March (4)
12. A London club (8)
13. See 19 across
14. One of Scotland's scorers in Spain (3, 3)

DOWN

1. Name a team — actually it's Kevin (5)
2. Dave — made over 200 appearances for 22 across before joining Cambridge United in 1980 (9)
3. He became a professional in 1981 (6)
4. Gothenburg — in 1982 (1, 1, 1, 1)
5. One of ITV's 20th Century Fox Cup Finals (8)
6. They play a lot of home games at the

7. Racecourse Ground (5)
8. The club which 25 across plays for (9)
9. Klas collected one for Hungary against Salvador (3, 5)
10. Chicago — won the World Cup in 1981 (5)
11. Chopped a player down like a tree (4)
12. Peter — who had played over 300 games for Exeter City, was given a free transfer by the club this year (5)
13. Keeper — Stevenson — Burnley last season (4)

MATCH OF THE WEEK

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RIDDLE TIME

I WAS the only Glasgow Rangers player to appear in the World Cup Finals in Spain. I played in all my country's games although before the tournament kicked off I was considered a surprise choice. My previous clubs include Portadown, Cardiff, Bangor and Mansfield. Don't miss next week's 'Match' when my identity will be revealed.

● The answer to last week's riddle was Sheffield Wednesday's new signing Mick Lyons.

HERE'S action from last season's meeting between Coventry and Ipswich. With the help of the picture, how many of the following questions can you answer?

- A Who are the five players in the picture?
- B Coventry's ground is unique to English football — why?
- C Can you name the managers of both teams?
- D One of the players pictured has a famous father. Name the player in question and his father.
- E Which of the players pictured were on World Cup duty with their countries?



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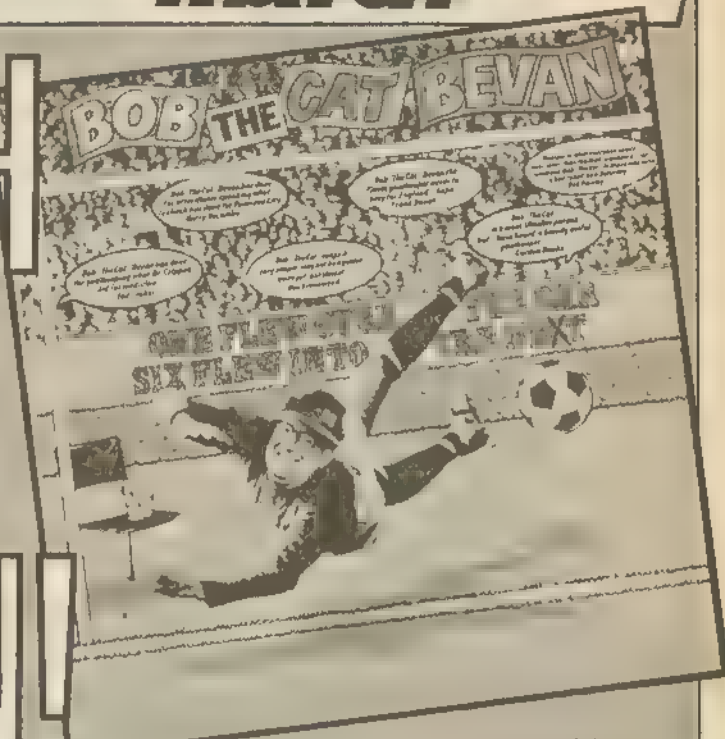
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MATCH up the new managers with their respective clubs.

- a) John McGovern
- b) Joe Royle
- c) Martin Wilkinson
- d) Cliff Sear
- e) Bruce Rioch
- f) Ken Craggs

- 1) Charlton
- 2) Peterborough
- 3) Bolton
- 4) Oldham
- 5) Chester
- 6) Torquay

BLANKETY-BLANK

FILL in the blanks to make sense of these soccer statements . . .

- 1 . . . scored a hat-trick for Italy . . . in the World Cup Finals.
- 2 . . . signed . . . from Ipswich on a free transfer.
- 3 First Division Watford play at . . .
- 4 . . . finished last season as Fourth Division champions.

Solutions

UNITED: Arnold Muhren; 3. Viceroy Road; 4. Manchester
BLANKETY-BLANK: 1. Paolo Rossi, Brazil; 2. Manchester
Butcher (England)
travelling striker Tony E. John Mark (Scotland) and Tony
(Swansea); D. Mark Halsey — his father was much
England; C. Dave Sexton (Cavendish) Bobby Ferguson
Cavendish's ground is the only all seater stadium in
Halsey, Russell Gorman, John Mark and Paul Dyson.
STOP THE ACTION: 1. John Mark; 2. Bobby Ferguson
22. Alan
Liverpool; 14. hat-trick; 15. Sear; 16. Sear; 17. Sear
Donaldson; 3. Barker; 4. UEFA; 5. Harrison; 6. Walter; 7.
See 13 across; 25. Kenny Dalglish; 26. Sear; 27.
Dean Court (Bournemouth); 28. Rush; 29. Millwall; 30.
Chester; 31. Stevens (hidden); 32. stand; 33. 24 across
Fred Ford; 34. Alex (McLellan); 35. Close; 36.
Soccer: 1. Middeleshrough; 2. round; 3.
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BRAZILIAN winger Eder has had any number of marriage proposals from football-mad girls following the World Cup Finals.

The dark haired scorer of spectacular goals has had offers from Brazil, Spain and Portugal. But he had to settle for third place in a poll to find the best looking player of the Finals.

A team of women journalists, working on the Spanish magazine *Diario 16*, made USSR goalkeeper Rinat Dasaev (left) the most handsome with Brazil skipper Socrates in second place.



World Cup stars are in demand

HONDURAS World Cup centre-forward Porfirio Betancourt — an unknown before the start of the World Cup Finals — has suddenly become a man in demand in both France and Spain.

And his international team-mate Gilberto, who plays for Spanish First Division side Real Valladolid, says his phone has not stopped ringing since he returned home.

The club at the forefront of Gilberto's thoughts is French favourites Nantes, but he claims to be in no hurry to find a new team.

Betancourt meanwhile is desperate for a chance to prove himself with a top European team.

The American-based striker is studying business management at Indiana University and was voted top player in American college soccer last season.

RUMMENIGGE ROARS BACK

EUROPEAN Footballer of the Year Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (right) has hit back following a criticism of his performance in the World Cup Final.

West Germany were beaten 3-1 by Italy in the Madrid showpiece with skipper Rummenigge still carrying a niggling hamstring injury he picked up in his country's first match of the Finals.

He was eventually substituted by Hansi Muller in the second half of the game.

But, bitterly disappointed at defeat, German sweeper Uli Stielike claimed Rummenigge lacked courage in not going off before he did.

Stielike said in 'Match Weekly': "Rummenigge himself realised he could not produce the performance needed and should have had the courage to have

taken himself off sooner."

But Rummenigge himself says: "Everyone was happy that I was fit enough when I played against Chile and scored three goals carrying the same injury.

"And happy enough, too, when I came on during the game against France and helped revive our chances."

Rummenigge then proceeded to hand out some criticism of his own. "Why does Stielike want to say all these things now anyway?"

"Where was he when Italy scored their second and third goals? I didn't see him anywhere. Therefore, is he a good sweeper?"

West German manager Jupp Derwall had also come under fire from Stielike — particularly for his substitution of rugged midfielder Wolfgang Dremmler following Italy's second goal.



DANIEL'S SAD TO GO

ARGENTINE World Cup skipper Daniel Passarella has spoken of his "one regret" in joining Italian First Division challengers Fiorentina.

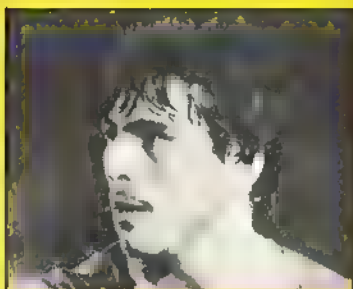
It is that he is leaving his country at a time when it is in trouble and debt.

Says Passarella: "Argentina is riddled with serious problems and I don't like to leave at a time like this.

"But on the football side, I am sure I have made the right decision.

"I really want to end my career in Europe and, if possible, in Italy.

"I think the style of play will really suit me and I will enjoy my football a lot.



Daniel Passarella — wants to end his career in Italy but regrets leaving Argentina at this time.

"Fiorentina have some very good players and the team has a great chance of taking the Italian League Championship."

In joining Fiorentina, the former River Plate player teams up with Italian World Cup winning stars Giacinto Facchetti and striker Francesco Graziani.

And another addition could be on the way . . .

Austrian star Walter Schachner is understood to be keen on a transfer from Italian club Cesena.

Should the deal go through, Schachner would become the second Austrian international to switch clubs in Italy since the start of the World Cup Finals.

Herbert Prohaska was the first when he left Inter Milan to join Roma in a £350,000 deal that sees him link up with Brazilian midfield ace Falcao.

Now chess has Six appeal!

SO many secrets of the stars became public knowledge during the World Cup Finals . . .

Frenchman Didier Six arrived in Spain well known for being something of a card maverick. But it was soon discovered he is a chess fanatic too.

A connoisseur of antiques, fine paintings and good food, Six spent most of his free time playing a long series of games against team-mate Bernard Genghini.

RICKY



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THE PAUL MARINER COLUMN:

The Ipswich and England centre-forward gives his exclusive views on the close season comings and goings at Portman Road.

STEP IN,



Steve McCall (right) in action against Liverpool's Sammy Lee — faces a big test if he's asked to fill Arnold's role.

YOUNG Steve McCall could face the unenviable task this season of attempting to fill Arnold Muhren's role in the Ipswich midfield.

The departure of the Dutch genius to Championship rivals Manchester United has dealt a major blow to our hopes of winning the coveted title that has just eluded us for the past two seasons.

And it will be a big test for 20-year-old Steve if he is handed the vital job of filling the left-sided position Arnold graced for four seasons.

Although Steve has made dramatic strides in the left-back berth, culminating in England Under-21 honours, former manager Bobby Robson and his successor, Bobby Ferguson, have always maintained that he would emerge as a midfield player.

During our crushing 4-0 defeat at Liverpool last February, Steve operated in midfield and certainly didn't look out of place in exalted company.

Impressive

He was most impressive in an unaccustomed role and in my opinion was the most effective player on the pitch even though we received a drubbing by the Champions-elect.

But Steve is a totally different operator to Arnold. There is no way that they have been cast in the same mould.

Steve is more of a hard worker and the only similarity is their preference for the left foot.

He will no doubt be under a lot of pressure if he's asked to fill the shoes of a world class player who had the almost unique ability of placing the ball wherever he wanted.

Arnold has tremendous vision and both myself and striking partner Alan Brazil will miss his telling passes.

But in mourning the passing of a great player, I still believe we have a squad more than capable of challenging for top honours again this season.

We have six World Cup players in the team, plus Russell Osman and Eric Gates who were possibly unlucky to be overlooked for the trip to Spain, and all the younger players have another season's experience behind them.

And to compensate for the loss of Arnold, we hope that his Dutch compatriot, Frans

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ARNOLD'S ROLE

Thijssen, will have shrugged off the injury bug that bit him several times last season.

Back problems and worst still a broken leg, restricted Frans to just 12 League appearances last season and his absence was a cruel setback to our title hopes.

Although skipper Mick Mills did his usual professional job in a midfield capacity, he would be the first to admit that on previous seasons' form, Frans was in a class of his own on the right side of midfield.

Apart from the exit of Arnold to Old Trafford, Ipswich have also said farewell to long-serving boss Bobby Robson who has taken over from Ron Greenwood as manager of England.

Bobby Robson is a hard-working and extremely well organised manager who

enjoys getting involved in every aspect of club life.

I have been privileged to work under two superb managers in Tony Waiters at Plymouth and Bobby Robson at Ipswich.

Both are in the same mould and I'm sure Bobby will continue the success Ron Greenwood has achieved as manager of England.

Ron has re-established England as a respected force in world soccer and Bobby has plenty of good young players coming through to keep us there.

The departure of Bobby from the manager's chair at Ipswich should have no real effect on the players and team pattern.

Credit

His successor, Bobby Ferguson, deserves a lot of credit for UEFA and FA Cup victories and our good performances in the First Division over the past two seasons.

They have worked together very closely over the past few years and Bobby Ferguson has been involved with a lot of the young players as they graduated through the reserve team ranks.

He is essentially a coach who enjoys getting involved in the training sessions, but he is not so comfortable in dealing with the television and the Press which tended to be Bobby Robson's forte.

During the three-game trip to Florida, I expect Bobby Ferguson will have experimented with some of the younger players who are knocking on the door for regular first team places.

Apart from the possible transition of Steve McCall to midfield, there's young defender Irving Gernon, South African striker Mich D'Avray, who did well in my absence last season, and midfield player Trevor Putney, another promising lad.

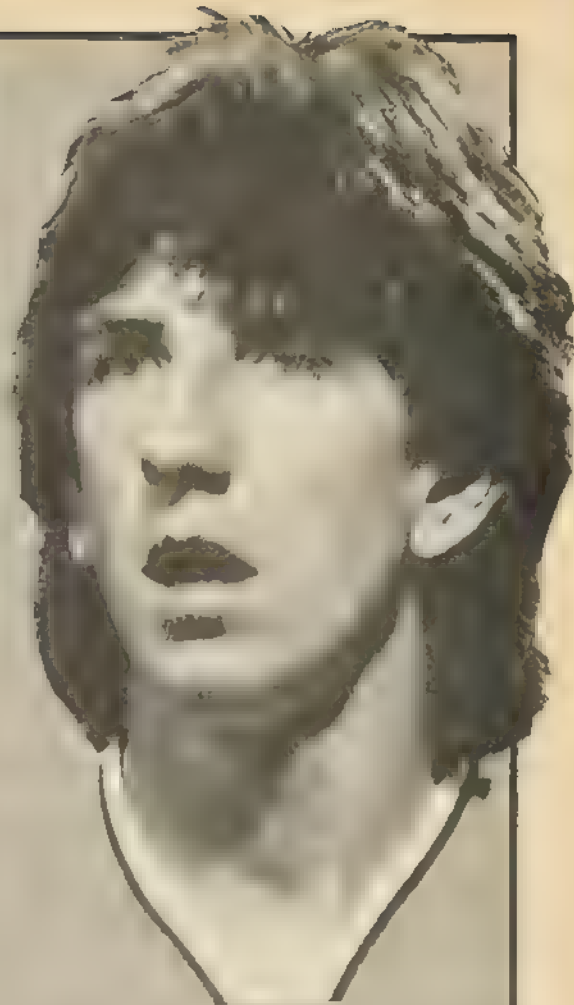
As far as I am concerned, I am geared up and ready for the big kick-off on August 28.

My experiences in the World Cup Finals have whetted my appetite for the new season and I can't wait to get back into action.

I enjoyed my Spanish experience and I hope I have learned a lot by watching other teams and players in action.

I've not had much of a rest since the end of the World Cup Finals, but I don't feel jaded and tired. I'm raring to go!

● Paul Mariner was talking to Melvyn Beck.



Bobby Robson — I'm sure he'll continue the success Ron Greenwood has achieved as manager of England.



Arnold Muhren — his departure has dealt a major blow to our title hopes.

SPURS are my top team, with Glenn Hoddle, Garth Crooks and Steve Perryman my favourite players. I also like the pop group Abba. I'd like a pen pal of my own age who goes to White Hart Lane.
Ken Dixon, (18), 24 Guildford Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 3QD.

I'd like a pen pal of my own age who supports either Aston Villa or Southampton. My hobbies include music and tennis.
Sandy Kioumoussi (19), Termoi Megistis, Koilamaki, Athens, Greece.

TOYAH, Altered Images and Siouxsie And The Banshees are my favourite groups. I'd like a pen pal who supports West Brom.
Phillip Webb (13), 39 Tennyson Road, Weston-super-Mare, Avon.

I'm an 18-year-old Watford fan. I'd like a pen pal who also supports 'The Hornets'.
Kevin Hayden, 41 Goodwood Avenue, Watford, Herts, WD2 5LB.

I'd like a pen pal of my own age who supports either Manchester United or Ipswich.
Diana Tabor (16), 38 Withipoll Street, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP4 2BZ.

I'm a season ticket holder at Aston Villa's famous Hodge End. I'd like a pen pal who follows Southampton, Liverpool or Charlton.
Jane Northall (16), 56 Addenbrooke Road, Smethwick, Warley, West Midlands.

I SUPPORT Manchester United, but would like a pen pal who follows newly promoted Luton.
Michael Marsden (16), 31 Westfield Drive, Woodley, Stockport, Cheshire.

I'd like a pen pal between the ages of 25 and 30 who supports Scottish club Middlesbrough.
Robert Burcham, 12 Langside Avenue, Wallisdown Parkstone, Poole, Dorset.

IPSWICH, West Brom and Celtic are my favourite teams. I'd like a pen pal of my own age.
Miriam Bean (13), Restholme, Bacton, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 4LE.

COLLECTING football programmes and supporting Liverpool and Manchester United are my interests. I'd like a pen pal of my own age who lives in England.
John O'Donnell (14), 120 Vanguard Street, Drumry, Clydebank, Dumbartonshire, Scotland.

I'm a 17-year-old West Brom supporter and would like a pen pal of my own age who supports any other team.
Diane Williams, 86 Havills Hawthorn, Hill Top, West Bromwich, B70 0UF.

SUPPORTING Arsenal and listening to music are my hobbies. I'd like a pen pal of my own age.
Jonathan Dzidz (19), 33 Keston House, Kingslake Estate, London SE17 2RB.

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SOLD TO SURVIVE

WOLVES, one of the most famous clubs in Britain, are bankrupt with debts totalling more than £2½ million.

The Second Division club had to call in the Official Receiver to aid their survival bid, and

Scottish international Willie Carr (right) was the first player to be sold.

Here, the midfielder talks about his history-making £10,000 move to Third Division Millwall.



LITTLE Willie Carr has written himself a unique chapter in the history of trouble-torn Wolves by becoming their first player to be sold by the Official Receiver.

It's not a distinction the 32-year-old midfield dynamo relishes, but joining Third Division Millwall has at least provided him and his family with security for another two years at a time when his football future was in doubt.

While his anxious colleagues at Molineux have been sweating on their futures, the former Scottish international has been preparing for his first taste of Third Division football with his new team-mates at Millwall.

A bargain-buy at £10,000, Willie knows he would have seen out the last year of his contract with Wolves but for the club's cash crisis.

"I know that manager Ian Greaves wanted to keep me at Molineux for at least another season to provide some experience in midfield, particularly with Kenny Hibbitt playing in America," he explains.

"I did well for him towards the end of last season when he took over the club, but he told me the situation was out of his hands.

"I feel sorry for him because I'm sure he is the right man to put Wolves back on the road to recovery."

But Willie's decision to leave Wolves after seven years was not influenced solely by the club's bankrupt state.

"I decided to accept Millwall's offer of a two-year contract rather than take a gamble on getting a club at

this time next year when my contract is up," says Willie, who cost Wolves £85,000 from Coventry in 1975.

"It's not a question of me making a panic decision because of the problems at Wolves.

"By joining Millwall at this time, it at least gives me an extra year in the Football League.

"I was impressed with the Millwall set-up and the ambitious attitude of manager Peter Anderson.

"They are very keen to get back into the Second Division, and they want me to provide some experience in a young side.

"The manager told me that he didn't have enough experience in the side last season."

The Millwall players are not total strangers to Willie. "I know Bobby Shinton from his Cambridge United days as I have family connections in Cambridge, and I have played against Sam

Allardyce and Alan West on many occasions," he says.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge of playing in the Third Division for the first time.

"Richie Barker told us what life was like in the bottom divisions when he was at Wolves, so I have some knowledge of what it will be like. I know I shall have to battle."

So, after spending all his time in the Midlands, Willie heads for a new career in London, but his heart is still with his former Wolves colleagues...

"I really feel for the players and the club. We heard rumours some time ago that the club was in dire straits but we never expected it to come so

quickly.

"We thought it might happen next year.

"But, although the last two seasons haven't been so good, at least I won a major honour with Wolves in the 1980 League Cup Final which is more than I achieved in nearly ten years with Coventry."

Below: Willie (left) celebrates Wolves' League Cup Final victory over Nottingham Forest with Kenny Hibbitt and Mel Eves: "At least I won a major honour with Wolves which is more than I did in ten years with Coventry," he says.



Bolton brainwave

HOW many times has it been said that what our game needs are new ideas and fresh enterprise, and yet we had a reader in Match Weekly's July 17 issue slamming Bolton's approach to Pele as manager.

This was a stroke of genius, earning Bolton much-needed publicity.

In any case, Pele knew immediately who the Wanderers were. This knowledge was obviously being based on the great 'Lion of Vienna', Nat Lofthouse, the former Bolton centre-forward.

John Graves, Bury, Lancs.

TERRACE TALK

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Gerry Armstrong — he's in Richard McDonald's world XI.

World stars

SOME of our readers have taken great delight in selecting a World XI from the players in the World Cup Finals. Here's a few of your world select teams:

■ Shilton (England), Briegel (W. Germany), Tresor (France), McClelland (N. Ireland), Junior (Brazil), Strachan (Scotland), Robson (England), Conti (Italy), Zico (Brazil), Boniek (Poland), Rossi (Italy).
Paul Hughes, Leek, Staffs.
■ Dasaev (Russia), Kaltz (W. Germany), Passarella (Argentina), Scirea (Italy), Junior (Brazil), Falcao (Brazil), Giresse (France), Socrates (Brazil), Zico (Brazil), Rossi (Italy), Conti (Italy).
Michael Barlow, Sale, Cheshire.
■ Shilton (England), Gentile (Italy), Briegel (W. Germany), Scirea (Italy), Passarella (Argentina), Falcao (Brazil), Zico (Brazil), Giresse (France), Rossi (Italy), Rummenigge (W. Germany), Eder (Brazil).
Scott Downing, Eastbourne.
■ Zoff (Italy), Passarella (Argentina), Junior (Brazil), Cabrini (Italy), Maradona (Argentina), Socrates (Brazil), Breitner (W. Germany), Armstrong (N. Ireland), Falcao (Brazil), Rossi (Italy), Zico (Brazil).
Richard McDonald, Orpington, Kent.

Treasure island

I WOULD like to thank 'Match Weekly' for what they did for me recently.

I thought I would miss the magazine when I went on holiday to the Spanish island of Ibiza, and I was feeling a bit upset about it.

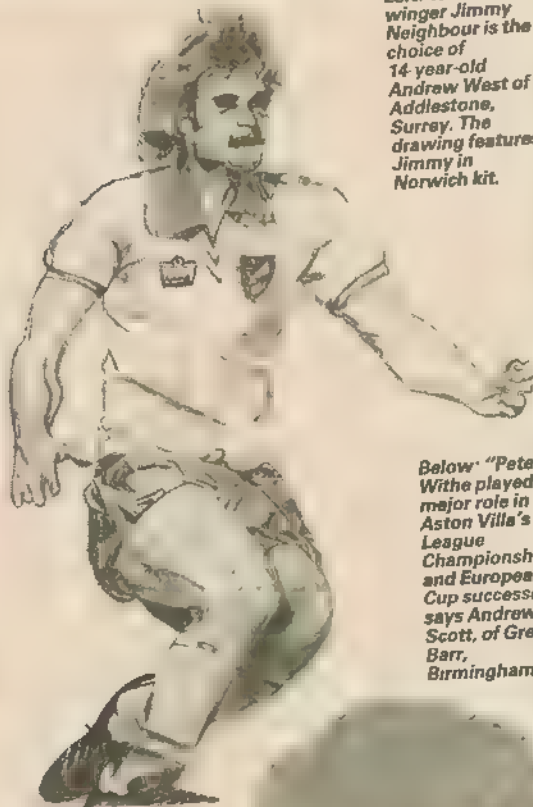
But while I was walking round a book shop on the island I noticed a copy.

It was well worth the money (about 70p in English currency).

Well done, 'Match'.
Andrew Dobbs, Plalstow, London.

STAR GALLERY

Left: West Ham winger Jimmy Neighbour is the choice of 14-year-old Andrew West of Addlestone, Surrey. The drawing features Jimmy in Norwich kit.

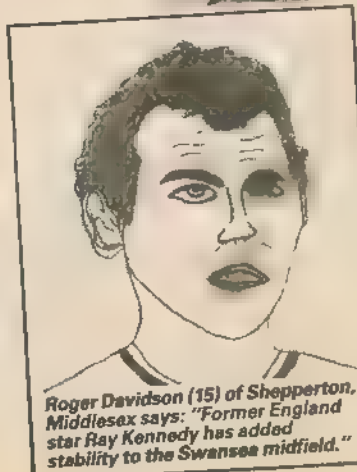


Below: "Peter Withe played a major role in Aston Villa's League Championship and European Cup successes," says Andrew Scott, of Great Barr, Birmingham.

Mark Rashid (14) of Stretford, Manchester, believes Manchester United and Scotland full-back Arthur Albiston (left) is vastly underrated.



Roger Davidson (15) of Shepperton, Middlesex says: "Former England star Ray Kennedy has added stability to the Swansea midfield."



FALL OF THE MIGHTY!

THE current plight of two famous clubs — Wolves and Leeds — has brought a flood of letters from 'Match Weekly' readers. Here's just a sample of the letters we have received about the clubs who fell from grace last season with relegation from the First Division.

IT was with great disbelief that I read about the plight of Wolves. To hear they were on the verge of bankruptcy and had called in an official receiver was not only a great blow to the public of Wolverhampton, but to football in general.

Even though I am an ardent Manchester City fan, I have always recognised Wolves as a member of the First Division elite.

Even during their bad days, they never employed defensive, negative tactics and were always willing to play bright, attacking football.

Wolves tragedy



It was a sad sight to see them relegated to the Second Division last season, and recent events have emphasised the economic strains on football clubs at the present time

It will be a great loss to the football world if a legend such as Wolverhampton Wanderers becomes extinct.

Michael Barlow, Sale, Cheshire.

CROWD PULLERS

I AM fed up with people labelling Leeds as a boring side while defending Arsenal, who have hardly been the pioneers of exciting football.

Leeds proved they could play crowd-pulling football in the second half of last season and actually increased their attendances despite being relegated

And they had the tenth largest average away gate in the country 22,000.

John McBrearty, Benfleet, Essex.

BLAME THE BOARD

I'M sure I'm not alone in saying how sad I find the plight of Wolves.

It's difficult to comprehend that such an old club with a fine tradition of producing great players and winning trophies is now faced with going out of business

The Board of Directors must shoulder the blame for this appalling state of affairs at the club.

Only last season we saw former manager John Barnwell, one of the most respected men in

the League, forced out of the club by the board, who had no feelings for the man who had led them into Europe by winning the League Cup.

Now, many Wolves fans must sit and hope that they will see the famous old gold and black shirts being worn with pride again this season.

I hope they will for the sake of their fans and the game of football.

Andrew Monk, Shepperton, Middlesex.

Stay loyal

YOUR recent articles on Leeds defenders Paul Hart and Kenny Burns really got me wild.

Now that Leeds have gone down to the Second Division, they can't wait for a transfer.

What they seem to overlook is that they played a part in their relegation.

Instead of moaning, they should be giving the team their 100 per cent commitment to get them back to the top where they belong.

Talk about deserting a sinking ship...

B. J. Foulkes, Ayr, Scotland.

CRY-BABIES

"I WANT to leave Leeds." That's all we seem to hear from the players now the team have dropped into the Second Division.

I'm sick of players wanting to leave a team they helped go down.

Leeds should immediately stop paying these so-called professionals and save money.

Get rid of these cry-babies. They'll be better off without them.

K. A. Edwards, Scawthorpe, Doncaster.

HODDLE'S NO HERO

I'M outraged about the amount of publicity Glenn Hoddle receives. Everybody seems to think he's brilliant, well I don't.

I don't believe Glenn should have been included in England's World Cup squad.

Nigel Bannister, Hull.

● I THINK your assessment of talent and quality differs from 99 per cent of the other people who would rate Glenn Hoddle as probably the most exciting player in the country. You're sent off.

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OUTRAGED!

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POINTS FOR STYLE

I'M outraged at the present League system of promotion and relegation.

Other than scoring points, teams should be judged by other factors, like attacking ability and style of play.

This way, the First Division would be free of the Arsenal style of soccer, and teams like Coventry and Stoke

would be down in Division Two, where they belong.

Nicholas Stevens, Eastleigh, Hants.

● AND just how would these teams be judged? With a panel of card-wielding experts, like the ice-skating judges? What a stupid idea. You're booked.

United monopoly

I AM outraged at the way Manchester United monopolise footballing talent.

As soon as a star player becomes available, United step in and take him to Old Trafford.

United already have some fabulous players like Coppell, Robson, Birtles, Stapleton, Wilkins, Whiteside, Moses, Duxbury and Grimes. So why do they need to sign Arnold Muhren from Ipswich and Peter Bodak from Coventry?

Craig Charlton, Batley, West Yorkshire.

● TO win the League Championship, which they must surely do next season. You're booked.

Focus on Watford's
uncompromising
goalkeeper

Steve Sherwood

FULL NAME: Steve Sherwood.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Selby, Yorks./Dec. 10,
1953.

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6ft. 4ins./14½st.

MARRIED: Yes, to Deborah

CHILDREN: Dean (two).

CAR: Datsun Cherry.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: Chelsea, Brentford (loan)
and Millwall (loan).

WORST EVER INJURY: Back trouble, which
kept me out for two weeks last season.

FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND
WHY: Peter Shilton (Forest) — he's worked
hard at his game, style and technique.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Leeds.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY:

Falcao (Brazil). He's just a superbly talented
player.

BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Liverpool's
European Cup winning teams of 1977 and 1978.

ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: The Brazilians
who played in the World Cup Finals in Spain.

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Chelsea's
Stamford Bridge.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH
YOU HAVE PLAYED: Seattle Sounders
Stadium.

BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Eddie Gray's
Leeds goal against Burnley in the 1980's all-time
watching from the stands.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: They're all
tough.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My League
debut for Chelsea against Derby, 1970.

OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL:

Winning promotion to the First Division with
Watford last season.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to
Nottingham Forest in the Semi-Final of the
1978-79 League Cup.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Cricket, tennis
and golf.

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Horseracing and
spending time with my wife and family.

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking.

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Coronation Street and
Dallas.

TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF

Political broadcasts.

FAVOURITE READING: Watford News.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Italian.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Wine.

BEST COUNTRY VISITED:

Zealand.

FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Eddie Ye

and 'Hilda Ogden' of Coronation Street.

BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: 'The

Exterminator'.

BEST FRIEND: My wife.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Watford

manager Graham Taylor, Ken Shalke and

Alan Hodgkinson.

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL

injuries?

SUPERSTITIONS: If we've won, I wear the
same lucky suit and gloves.

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Poached eggs.

PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy and
healthy.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To climb as high
as I can in the game.

CAREER AFTER PLAYING: To stay in the game
in some capacity.

PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Watford's John

Barnes.

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: The

Queen.

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listen to advice and work as hard as you can.

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‘LINCOLN City, the team we pipped for promotion last season should be the side to follow in the Third Division this term.

They had a tremendous second half of the season, and were rather unfortunate not to achieve the victory they required at our place in the last match of the season to deny us Second Division status.

We ended up getting the point we needed to clinch promotion, but were rather lucky with Lincoln looking a very impressive side.

Big striker Tony Cunningham proved a problem for us and Glen Cockerill, the player they re-signed from Swindon last season, looked menacing up front.

He looked far more at home than he did earlier in the season when we drew 1-1 at their place.

They should be one of the leading candidates for promotion providing they don't suffer any reaction from going so close last season.

That happened to Huddersfield

Tony can spur City

★★

GORDON DAVIES (Fulham)

★★

last season. They slipped right out of the reckoning after finishing fourth the previous

REPORT

But I feel that Huddersfield will be back among the promotion runners this time.

They are a good, attacking side and in right back Malcolm Brown have one of the best overlapping full-backs in the division.

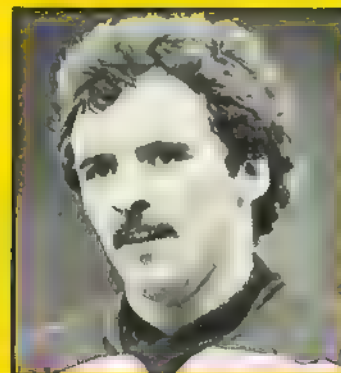
They had a poor time by their standards last season, but they are too good a side to struggle

again.

My other choice for promotion is Sheffield United who are on the crest of a wave at present.

Manager Ian Porterfield took Rotherham out of the Third Division two seasons ago, and there is no reason why he shouldn't do it with United.

They are a very ambitious club with a First Division set-up and big crowds, and they could



achieve the same success as Swansea in racing through the divisions.

Although I'm a Welshman, I don't fancy the chances of relegated Wrexham and Cardiff bouncing straight back into the Second Division.

A couple of years in the Third Division might do both clubs some good by enabling them to re-build.

FACTS AND FIGURES

FOURTH Division Champions Sheffield United are hotly tipped to achieve promotion for the second successive season, but history proves that they will find it a testing proposition.

In the past eight seasons, only four of the 32 teams promoted from the Fourth Division have managed to charge straight through Division Three.

Cambridge United achieved it in 1977-78, Watford and Swansea the following season and Grimsby in 1980 when they lifted the title.

Five promoted sides have in fact dropped down straight away,

including Wimbledon twice. The others were Reading, Northampton and Bradford City.

It's a similar situation for the three relegated teams from the Second Division — Wrexham, Cardiff and Orient.

Only four teams in the past eight seasons, including Cardiff, have managed to reclaim their Second Division status at the first attempt.

The other successful teams were Blackburn, Charlton and Millwall. Two teams, Bristol City and Hereford, both suffered relegation to the Fourth.

TIPS THE

United for a repeat!

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JACKIE ASHURST (Carlisle)

★★

very difficult to beat away from home. It was at Griffin Park where they dropped a lot of points.

Oxford United made a late run for promotion last season and they'll be there again. They are a very good home side, but don't seem to be able to turn it on away.

Gillingham and Reading showed what good sides they are, although I believe

Reading will miss midfielder Neil Webb, who joined Portsmouth in the close season.

Larry Lloyd has got Wigan going well and, like Sheffield United, they'll be trying to clinch promotion two years running.

Promoted teams like Sheffield United and Wigan will relish the better grounds.

‘FOURTH Division champions Sheffield United can repeat last season's success in the higher grade.

The signing of winger Terry Curran from Wednesday shows just how ambitious they are and I believe that, man for man, they've got the strongest squad in the Third Division.

Manager Ian Porterfield has really got the team motivated and they'll take some stopping as they strive to pick up their second title in a row.

I believe that all the clubs who stayed in the Third Division last season will suffer the same fate again, because relegated Wrexham and Orient are my other choices for promotion.

Both teams have a lot of experienced players and if they can get rid of the relegation blues and get off to a good start, I'm sure they'll be there.

It's different for the other relegated team, Cardiff. They've been on the brink of Third Division football for so long now that they may struggle.

Lincoln are once again going to have a major say in the promotion race. They



enjoyed a tremendous run at the end of last season and that will have given them a lot of confidence.

They've got a team that is suited to Third Division football — a big lad up front in Tony Cunningham and a very strong back four.

One of the best teams we played last season was Brentford and I believe they could do quite well.

Funnily enough, they were

ALAN'S TIPS

- 1 Lincoln
- 2 Sheffield United
- 3 Oxford

GORDON'S TIPS

- 1 Lincoln
- 2 Huddersfield
- 3 Sheffield United

JACKIE'S TIPS

- 1 Sheffield United
- 2 Wrexham
- 3 Orient

FOR TOP

WHICH teams will be celebrating promotion from the Third Division at the end of the season? 'Match' asked three of the stars who made the climb last season...



Lincoln's Tony Cunningham (striped shirt) in an aerial duel with Fulham's Roger Brown — Tony's key man in the club's promotion hopes

‘LINCOLN City, pipped for promotion last season, should be the team to watch in the Third Division this time.

Although we took four points off them last season, I felt they were one of the most impressive sides in the division and unlucky not to be promoted.

They are a very workmanlike side without any real stars although big striker Tony Cunningham was a handful in the draw at their place.

He looked very sharp and in the end we were rather fortunate to share the spoils.

They fell away at the death, probably due to their lack of experience having only been promoted from the Fourth Division the previous season.

Oxford, the other side who went close to promotion last season, may just achieve their aim this time.

Jim Smith took over towards the end of the season and he has a fair pedigree as a manager with Birmingham and Blackburn.

Their cramped pitch is also a

Lincoln can strike lucky

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ALAN STEVENSON (Burnley)

★★

big help to them and they work very hard.

But the team that will push Lincoln all the way for title honours will be promoted Sheffield United

They are on the crest of a wave after winning the Fourth Division Championship and are spending a lot of money in a bid to move through the League as quickly as possible.

They have a lot of experienced players and a good young manager in Ian Porterfield. He led Rotherham to the Third Division Championship just two seasons ago so he knows what it is all about.

Wigan, another of the promoted sides, could also figure prominently in the promotion shake-up, but I'm not too sure about the prospects of the teams



relegated from the Second — Cardiff, Wrexham and Orient.

We found two seasons ago that it's not an easy task trying to climb straight back into the Second Division.

It's a lot more physical in the Third — and hard to get back on the winning trail after relegation.

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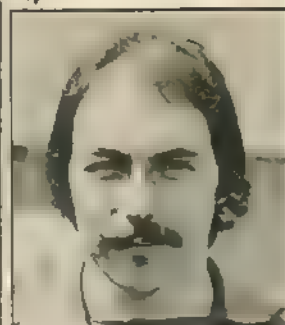


Frank Gray — Leeds' Scotland World Cup full back.

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Leicester



Mark Wallington — Leicester's goalkeeping skipper.

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David Hodgson — Middlesbrough's England Under 21 striker.

Middlesbrough

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Tony Gale — Fulham's talented defender.

Fulham

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Feb. 19	Blackburn	A
Feb. 26	Newcastle	H
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May 7	Carlisle	H
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DIVISION TWO

NEXT WEEK:
Division 3
fixtures

HERE'S your chance to compile a complete record of all this season's Second Division League results.

We have put together a detailed guide to the season's fixtures, listing the date of every game and whether it is home or away. Last week, we gave you the fixtures of ten Second Division teams. Here are the rest. Shrewsbury and Wolves appear over the page.

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QPR



Terry Fenwick — QPR's England Under 21 full back.

Aug. 28	— NewcastleA
Sept. 4	— DerbyH
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Jan. 22	— CambridgeA



Gerry Gow — Rotherham's experienced midfield influence.

Rotherham

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Feb. 12	— NewcastleA
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Sheff. W.



Bob Bolder — the talented Sheffield Wednesday goalkeeper.

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Wolves



Paul Bradshaw — ever-present with relegated Wolves last season.

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Graham Turner — Shrewsbury's player-manager.

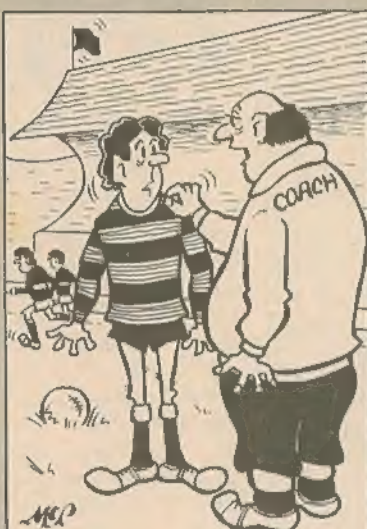
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FLYNN STANDS FIRM!

WALES skipper Brian Flynn is rallying round the drooping Leeds flag which new player-manager Eddie Gray hopes to hoist with pride this season.

Following close on the heels of former England defender Trevor Cherry, Brian has decided to stay and fight at Elland Road.

The tiny midfielder man with a big heart was close to leaving Leeds last season after being unable to reclaim a regular senior place following a serious ankle injury.

But he has now declared his intention to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the new manager in his bid to recapture their First Division place.

"Eddie has always been respected as a player and, now he is on the other side of the fence, he has retained that same respect," says Brian, who rejected a move to Stoke last season.

"Although he faces a tough test, I'm sure he is the man to put Leeds back on the road to recovery.

"He is the type of man who will give everybody a chance, and I am prepared to stay and take that chance.

"I was in the first team towards the end of last season, and I hope I will be starting there later this month."

After a 'nightmare' time last season, during which he managed only 16 League outings for Leeds, Brian wondered where his future lay.

"I was injured at the end of September and out of the game for about three months. When I was fit again, the team was doing reasonably well and I had to wait for my chance, which was fair enough," says Brian.

"When I got back into the side, we were struggling again and I was in and out of the team.

"It was at that time that I was made available for



Brian Flynn — "I'm certain Leeds will have the best team in the Second Division but we have got to go out and prove it."

transfer by Allan Clarke and I turned down a move to Stoke, which I don't regret.

"I even had a loan spell with my old club Burnley for a month in a bid for first team action, but I was injured after only one game.

"So last season was a real disaster for me."

Brian hopes to make up for that by helping Leeds to bounce straight back into the big time.

"Teams will be eager to topple Leeds because of their name, and it will be a tough battle to achieve promotion," says Brian.

"We have plenty of experience in the team but we can expect some scrappy games when we will have to battle to force a win.

"I'm certain we have the best team in the Second

Division, but we have got to go out there and prove it.

"I've got two years of my contract to run at Leeds, and during that time I would dearly love to help the club back into the First Division."

Brian also needs first team football to enhance his chances of leading Wales in the European Championship qualifying matches which begin next month.

"It's got to help me at international level if I'm playing first team football," he says.

"I look forward to every Welsh game and, after a reasonable British Championship and a friendly win over France, we are hoping to get off to a good start in the European Championship."

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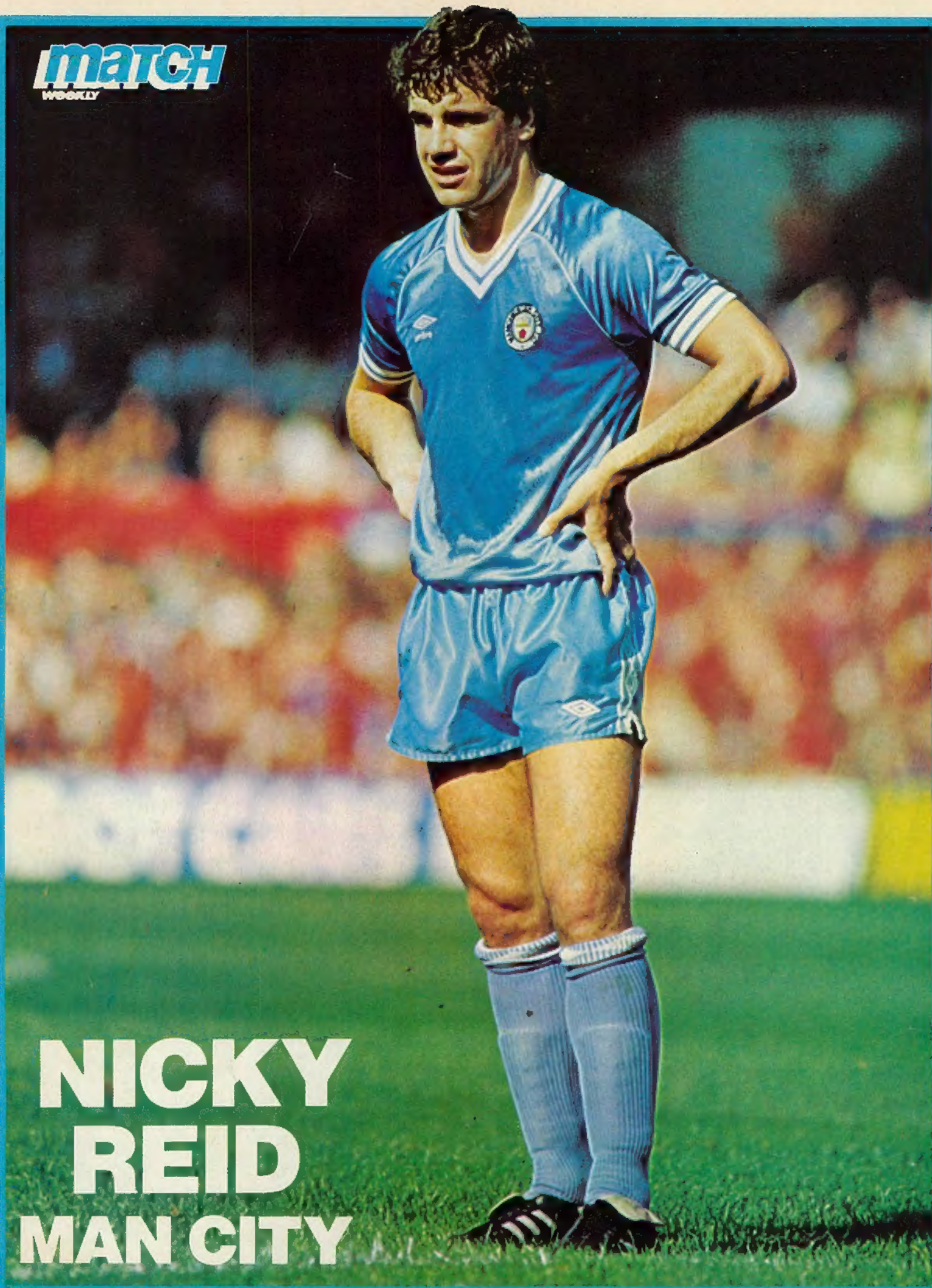
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A SUPER leather football is on its way to each of the following ten lucky readers as winners of the Spot the Difference competition which appeared in the July 17 issue of Match. They are: Antonio Solazzo, Northampton; Martin Harris, Wolverhampton; John Stafford, Bebington, Wirral; T. Langdon, Englefield Green, Surrey; John Mitchell, Offenham, Worcs; Jonathan Gold, Finchley, London; Ian Smith, Treeton, S. Yorks; Mark Pitman, Bovington, Dorset; Tony Wordsworth, Stanley, Co. Durham; Stephen Hill, Huthwaite, Notts.

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